

Preliminary Amendment

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100, but are each represented by a single card in Figure 3 to simplify the figure. In one form of the invention, up to 8 host processor cards 300A are used in the 10 slot configuration, and up to 16 host processor cards 300A are used in the 19 slot configuration. In one embodiment, each of cards 300 can be hot swapped.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--An LCD panel configured to be attached to a server system and coupled to a management card of the server system includes an LCD display. The panel includes a plurality of alphanumeric keys for entering alphanumeric strings that are displayed on the LCD display, and a plurality of navigation keys for navigating through a menu displayed on the LCD display and selecting menu items.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice and add newly presented claims 19-34 as follows:

1.(Cancelled)

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3.(Cancelled)

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12.(Cancelled)

13.(Cancelled)

14.(Cancelled)

15. An LCD panel configured to be attached to a computer system and coupled to a management card of the computer system, the LCD panel comprising:

an LCD display;

a plurality of alphanumeric keys for entering alphanumeric strings that are displayed on the LCD display; and

a plurality of navigation keys for navigating through a menu displayed on the LCD display and selecting menu items.

16. The LCD panel of claim 15, and further comprising:

a lockout key for gaining and releasing control of the management card.

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17. The LCD panel of claim 16, and further comprising:
an LED associated with the lockout key for indicating a lockout status.
18. The LCD panel of claim 15, wherein the LCD panel is configured to retrieve and display computer status information, and transmit computer configuration information.
- 19.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 17, wherein the LED is off when the management card is not being controlled by a user.
- 20.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 17, wherein the LED is on when the management card is being controlled through the LCD panel.
- 21.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 17, wherein the LED flashes on and off when the management card is being controlled through a connection other than the LCD panel.
- 22.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 15, wherein the LCD panel is configured to display error information during start-up of the server system.
- 23.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 15, wherein the LCD display is a 2 x 20 display.
- 24.(Newly Presented) An LCD panel configured to be coupled to a management card of a server system, the LCD panel comprising:
user input means for entering data;
display means for displaying information; and
lockout means for gaining control of the management card, thereby preventing control of the management card through connections other than the LCD panel.

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25.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 24, wherein the user input means includes a plurality of alphanumeric keys for entering alphanumeric strings.

26.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 25, wherein the user input means includes a plurality of navigation keys for navigating through a menu displayed by the display means and selecting menu items.

27.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 24, and further comprising:
light emitting means associated with the lockout means for indicating a lockout status.

28.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 27, wherein the light emitting means is off when the management card is not being controlled by a user.

29.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 27, wherein the light emitting means is on when the management card is being controlled through the LCD panel.

30.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 27, wherein the light emitting means flashes on and off when the management card is being controlled through a connection other than the LCD panel.

31.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 24, and further comprising:
means for retrieving server status information from the management card.

32.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 24, and further comprising:
means for transmitting server configuration information to the management card.

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33.(Newly Presented) The LCD panel of claim 24, wherein the LCD panel is configured to display error information during start-up of the server system.

34.(Newly Presented) A method of sending and receiving information with an LCD panel, the method comprising:

connecting the LCD panel to a management card of a server system;

gaining control of the management card by pressing a lockout key on the LCD panel;

entering data with alphanumeric keys of the LCD panel;

transmitting entered data to the management card; and

displaying information received from the management card on an LCD display of the LCD panel.